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A. Response Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a response in the above-identified application.

X 1. No additional claim fee is required.

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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Claims 1-26 are pending in the application. In an Office Action mailed December 10, 2002, restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I: Claims 4-6 and 19, drawn to a pivotable power tool;

Group II: Claims 7-9, 20, 21, and 26, drawn to a tool using a printed circuit board motor;

Group III: Claims 10-12 and 22, drawn to a tool having an adjustable exhaust duct; and

Group IV: Claims 13-15 and 23, drawn to a tool having an adjustable extension plate.

Claims 1-3, 16-18, 24, and 25 will be examined with the elected invention. Claims 1 and 16 link the inventions of Groups I-IV. Upon the allowance of the linking claims, the Restriction Requirement as to the linked invention shall be withdrawn and any claims depending from or otherwise including all of the limitations of the allowable linking claims will be entitled to examination in the present application.

In response, applicant elects the claims of Group I, without traverse, for examination in the present application. Thus, with the election of Group I, Claims 1-6, 16-19, 24, and 25 should be examined in the present application. Applicant notes that Claims 1 and 16 link the invention of Groups I-IV.

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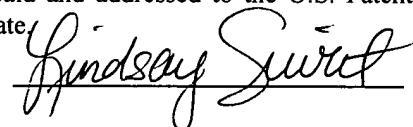
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